

REMARKS

Claim 1 is currently amended. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments contained herein are fully supported by the specification and drawings as originally filed and do not contain new matter. Claims 7 and 11-34 are currently canceled. Claims 11-34 correspond to non-elected subject matter, and Applicant reserves the right to present claims 11-34 in one or more divisional applications.

Examiner's Interview

Applicant's representatives respectfully thank Examiner Nguyen for the courtesy of discussing the final Office action in a telephonic Examiner's interview on June 27, 2007, initiated by Applicant's representatives. During the interview, claim 1 was discussed with respect to Silverbrook (U.S. Patent No. 6,247,792 B1). No agreement was reached as to the status of claim 1.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Silverbrook (U.S. Patent No. 6,247,792 B1) in view of DeBoer et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,345,880 B1). Applicant respectfully traverses.

Claim 1, as currently amended, includes all of the limitations of claims 7 and is thus equivalent to claim 7 rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim (claim 1) and any intervening claims (none). Claim 7 rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims is indicated as being allowable in the Office action. Therefore, claim 1 is allowable.

Claims 2-4 depend from claim 1 and are thus allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 1.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 7 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 7 is canceled, mooted the objection thereto.

Applicant acknowledges that claims 8-10 are allowed.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks, Applicant believes that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Please charge any further fees deemed necessary or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

If the Examiner has any questions or concerns regarding this application, please contact the undersigned at (612) 312-2208.

Respectfully submitted,

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